

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 239B.4(6) and 239B.8(2), the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 93, "PROMISE JOBS Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment rescinds the amendment that was Adopted and Filed Emergency and published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 2, 2009, as **ARC 8346B**, and readopts it after a notice period to solicit public comments.

The amendment decreases the mileage reimbursement rate for travel to PROMISE JOBS activities in a private vehicle from \$.34 per mile to \$.30 per mile. The Department must reduce its projected spending for state fiscal year 2010 to comply with Executive Order Number 19, which mandated a 10 percent across-the-board spending reduction. Additionally, caseloads in the Family Investment Program and the PROMISE JOBS program are increasing at a higher rate than anticipated for state fiscal year 2010. Decreasing the mileage reimbursement rate assists the Department in reducing its spending and staying within budget.

Notice of Intended Action to solicit comments on the amendment was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 2, 2009, as **ARC 8347B**. The Department received one comment on the Notice of Intended Action questioning the impact on the recipients affected and whether there was another savings option that would have a lesser impact. Because of the decline in fuel prices since this mileage rate was adopted, the Department finds that the lower rate still allows more reimbursement for the nonfuel operating costs than the higher rate did at the time of its adoption. This amendment is identical to the amendment that was Adopted and Filed Emergency and published under Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations. Needed savings will not be achieved if waivers are granted. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on February 10, 2010.

This amendment is intended to implement Executive Order Number 19 and Iowa Code section 239B.8(2).

This amendment shall become effective on April 14, 2010.

The following amendment is adopted.

Rescind subparagraph **93.11(3)“b”(2)** and adopt the following new subparagraph in lieu thereof:

(2) Private transportation. For participants who use a privately owned motor vehicle or who hire private transportation, the transportation payment shall be based on a formula which uses the normally scheduled days of participation in the PROMISE JOBS activity for the period covered by the payment multiplied by the participant's anticipated daily round-trip miles and then multiplied by the mileage rate of 30 cents per mile.

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